Risk allowance for electric traction staff of Railways

2679. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Miister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce Risk Allowance for Central Government employees engaged in risky and hazardous jobs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether electric traction staff of the Railways have been brought under its purview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A copy of Government's orders, as contained in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Trainings'), O.M. No. 21012/4/88-Estt. (Allowances), dated 22-8-1988, is attached, as Statement (See below).

(c) No Sir.

Statement

COPY OF MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM NO. 21012/4/88—Estt. (Allowances) dated 22-8-1988 REGARDING RISK ALLOWANCE FOR ELECTRIC TRACTION STAFF OF RAILWAYS.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission contained in paragraph 17.23 of their Report relating to grant of Risk Allowance to Central Government employees whose duty involves risk and to say that in pursuance of this, a Committee was constituted and after considering the recommendations of the Committee, the President is pleased to decide as follows:

(i) For determining the categories of staff exposed to risk in employment the following criteria may be adopted :

—those engaged in duties involving greater hazards or whose health is liable to be adversely affected progressively over a long period of time because of the particular avocation, and

—Sweepers/Safaiwalas engaged in cleaning of under ground drains, sewer lines, those working in trenching grounds and Infectious Diseases Hospitals.

(ii) The existing categories of Government servants who are in receipt of Risk Allowance may continue to get the same at rates as under :—

(a) Unskilled workers	Rs. 20/- per month
(b) Semi-skilled workers	Rs. 30/- per month
(c) Skilled workers	Rs. 40/- per month
(d) Supervisors	Rs. 50/- per month
(e) Gazetted officers engaged in Nitro Glycerine preparation.	Rs. 150/- per month
(f) Non-gazetted officers engaged in Nitro Glycerine preparation	Rs. 90/- per month
(g) Danger Building Officers	Rs. 200/- per month

(iii) Where a category of Government servants in a Department is in receipt of Risk Allowance, similar categories of Government servants in other Ministries/Departments shall also be considered for grant of Risk Allowance under similar conditions, e.g. Safaiwalas/Sanitary Cleaners working in underground drains, sewer lines, infectious diseases hospital etc.

(iv) The Risk Allowance will not be treated as 'pay' for any purpose.

2. A review of the existing categories who are already in receipt of risk allowance may be conducted to ensure that the Benefit is given only to those strictly covered under the criteria laid down in paragraph 1 (i) above. The review should be completed within a period of 3 months and report furnished to this Department.

3. Proposal for inclusion of any new category fulfilling the criteria as indicated above may be processed by the concerned Ministries in consultation with their Associate Finance and the Department of Personnel & Training. Further in identifying such categories, Staff side of the Departmental Council (JCM) may also be consulted.

4. It has also been decided that Ministries /Departments may work out suitable welfare schemes for periodical medical check-up of the staff exposed to risk in their jobs to ensure their good health.

5. These orders come into force with effect from 1st October, 1986.

6. In their application to the officers of the I.A. & A.D. these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Posts of Senior Scale officers in Railways

2680. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Senior Scale officers posts as on 31st March, 1989 in Indian Railways Department-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) what is the number of these posts which were lying vacant as on 31st March, 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise; and

(c) what is the number of these posts being manned by Group 'A' officers as on 31st March. 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Pal scale of officers in Indian Railway

2681. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junior scale pay is higher than the Assistant Grade officers scale in the Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of group 'B' officers are working against these junior scale officers posts;

(c) if so, whether any officiating allowance/pay is granted to Asstt. grade officers working against Junior scale officer's posts; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.